



Department of Energy

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DEPARTMENTAL ELEMENTS

FROM:

**Peter N. Brush, Acting Assistant Secretary
Environment, Safety and Health**

SUBJECT:

**CHRONIC BERYLLIUM DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAM
FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) FEDERAL
EMPLOYEES**

On July 15, 1997, the Department issued DOE Notice 440.1, "Interim Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention Program (CBDPP)," that enhances, supplements, and is integrated into DOE Order 440.1, "Worker Protection Management for DOE Federal and Contractor Employees." The goal of the CBDPP is to minimize the number of current workers exposed, minimize the levels of beryllium exposure, and establish medical surveillance protocols to ensure early detection of disease. Toward this end, the affected DOE contractors were required to develop, submit, and have approved CBDPP plans by January 15, 1998.

Both DOE Order 440.1 and DOE Notice 440.1 are equally applicable to the protection of Federal workers. The expectation is that field and program elements are, as a normal course of action, supplementing existing Federal Employee Occupational Safety and Health (FEOSH) programs to the extent necessary to incorporate CBDPP provisions. It is our desire to witness that effective CBDPP initiatives are instituted to protect DOE Federal employees from beryllium hazards. DOE Notice 440.1, as well as any relevant beryllium information, can be found on the internet at <http://tis-nt.eh.doe.gov/be/>.

The Department is also mandated under the requirements of 29 CFR 1960 and Executive Order 12196 to establish and implement a FEOSH program. Many of your organizations have been working closely with the departmental FEOSH Group over the past 3 years and already have in place the basic elements of an effective FEOSH program. A major requirement under the Occupational Safety and Health Act is that the Secretary of Energy submit an annual report to the Secretary of Labor (part of an annual report to the President and Congress) describing the safety and health status of the DOE Federal workforce. This report, due in late March 1998, also contains a discussion of any new or emerging departmental safety and health issues or initiatives.

As the departmental representative responsible to develop the annual report, my office desires to chronicle our collective efforts to initiate the CBDPP complex wide in order to eradicate chronic beryllium disease. These efforts will be reported as an emerging departmental safety and health initiative in this year's annual report to the Secretary of Labor. To that end, please submit a summary statement of how your organization is responding to the requirements of DOE Notice 440.1 to protect your Federal employees. Not all organizations will have



employees exposed to Beryllium. Please let us know if you fall into this category. In order to meet the Department of Labor's report submittal deadline, please submit your summary statements to our office no later than March 15, 1998.

If any assistance or clarification is needed, please contact Mr. Carlos Coffman, of the FEOSH Group, at (301) 903-6493. Statements concerning your CBDPP plans should be submitted to Mr. Coffman at the Department of Energy, Office of Occupational Safety and Health Policy, EH-51, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874. The Internet address for submission of the electronic copy is <http://carlos.coffman@hq.doe.gov>.